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Training program manager and master craftsman Neil Rippingale, right, instructed David Reed of Lexington during a dry stone masonry class Tuesday at Bluegrass Community and Technical College's Leestown campus in Lexington.

LESSONS IN SETTING STONE

The Dry Stone Conservancy has teamed with the National Center for Preservation Technology & Training and Jefferson Community and Technical College in Louisville to offer a training course in dry-laid stone masonry. The seven-day course is part of a grant from the center to explore ways in which practical skills can be transmitted using real-time digital technology from one location to another. A video feed was simulcast each way to a similar class at JCTC's Shelbyville campus, and instructors in each location were able to view and offer feedback on each class's projects. The students were working toward a level-one dry stone construction certification.



Ken DiPrete of Cranston, R.I., worked on a "linteled drainage opening" in the project wall during Tuesday's class.